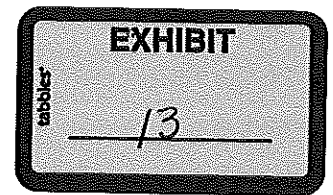


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BUREAU OF WATER PROTECTION AND LAND REUSE
OFFICE OF THE BUREAU CHIEF

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Subject: Proposed Stream-Flow regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey,

We applaud the efforts underway regarding proposed subject regulations. We lived in central California for eleven years and experienced first-hand water shortages and water-control activities. We are now retired living in Waterford, CT from which we started and reside alongside Lake Brandegee.

It's our understanding Lake Brandegee is a back-up reservoir for the City of New London and therefore owned by the City of New London. For years, we've enjoyed seeing countless variety of water-life such as; ducks, geese, swans, barn and tree swallows, kingfishers, fish, frogs, turtles and even a couple of minks. However, recently turtle sightings have been non-existent and even the mallard and migrating duck sightings have dropped down considerably.

In recent years, Lake Brandegee shores have seen quite a bit of development with a Marriott Inn on the south end of the lake and a couple of "micro-mansions" on the north-east side of the lake. The lake is closed to gasoline-powered motors but not to electric-powered or paddled boats.

Brandegee itself has changed with far more Lilly pads along the shores than ever before and most recently, what appears to be "Eurasian watermilfoil" abundantly spreading along the lake bottom. We have heard that Connecticut has taken steps in the Bantam River area to control or eradicate invasive plants from spreading. Our concerns are: (1) will this proposed legislation help Lake Brandegee recover from this threatening aggressor? (2) can the State compel New London to intervene? (3) what can a non-resident (Waterford) do to stop this invasive plant from spreading before Brandegee (New London) becomes a stagnate "puddle"?

Respectfully,

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